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For : DATA PROCESSING APPARATUS AND
DATA PROCESSING METHOD

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified patent application on the merits, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the claims and Abstract as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Abstract are on page 10 of this paper.